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EXAMINATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued instructions to the Central Board of Secondary Education for taking measures to make students tension-free in examinations;

(b) if so, whether the CBSE has submitted details of measures taken in this regard to the Union Government; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir .The Ministry of Human Resource Development had convened a meeting of eminent educationists, Principals of some Kendriya Vidyalayas and Public Schools, Representative from premier institutions such as Indian Institute of Technology and Indian Institute of Management, Heads of Boards of Examination and specialists in psychology and counseling on 24th March, 2005 to discuss measures to reduce the examination stress amongst students. The issues have since been discussed on 1st May 2005 by the Council of Boards of School Education in India (COBSE). Following on these discussions, the Central Board of Secondary Education

(CBSE) has taken various measures to reduce stress caused by examinations. The Board proposes to give an extra fifteen minutes to the students to study the question paper before the commencement of the examination. This is expected to help students answer the question paper in a better-planned and un-hurried manner.

Other measures taken by CBSE to reduce examination-related stress, include:-

i) Tele-counselling of students to mitigate their sense of anxiety.

ii) Publication of sample question papers and marking schemes to familiarise teachers and students about the nature of questions and question papers.

iii) Elimination of overall aggregation of marks to reduce unhealthy competition among students.

iv) Providing facility of compartment examination in two subjects in class X and one subject in class XII.

v) Providing three chances of compartment examination for class X and XII.

vi) Restructuring of question papers in certain subjects to provide more internal choices in questions.

In addition to the above, CBSE is also examining a proposal to introduce Comprehensive and Continuous School based Internal Evaluation in a phased manner and designing of question papers of three hours duration in such a manner that an average student can complete it in two and a half hours.